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SUBJECT: SCHEEL VISIT TO WASHINGTON: INITIAL FRG
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SUMMARY: EMBOFF HAS OBTAINED INITIAL FRG REACTIONS TO

SCHEEL WASHINGTON VISIT FR DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH AND FONOFF EUROPEAN EXPERT GABLENZ, BOTH OF WHOM ACCOMPANIED SCHEEL TO US. SOURCES SCHEEL WAS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH US STATEMENTS ON "YEAR OF EUROPE", AGREEMENT, THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, AND EC INTERNATIONAL ROLE, AS PRESENTED TO SCHEEL AUTHORITATIVELY BY THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, AND DR. KISSINGER. SCHEEL WAS PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY THE PRESIDENT'S REPEATED EMPHASIS ON THE PRIORITY OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN US FOREIGN POLICY. THE FONMIN ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS ON CSCE. MBFR BY SEPTTEL-NOTAL. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO ROTH AND GABLENZ, THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE TRIP WAS THAT SCHEEL HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VITAL QUESTIONS OF US/FRG RELATIONS AND TO OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE US POSITIONS, AS THE MINISTER PUT IT, "FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH". SCHEEL EXPRESSED FULL SATISFACTION WITH THESE EXCHANGES, COMMENTING THAT HE WAS ON "THE SAME WAVELENGTH WITH THE AMERICANS". OUR SOURCES SAY SCHEEL HAS REPORTED TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT THAT US/FRG RELATIONS REST ON A BROAD FOUNDATION OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING.

2. ON THE SECURITY SIDE, SCHEEL ATTRIBUTED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE STRONG AND REPEATED EMPHASIS OF THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY AND DR. KISSINGER ON THE PRIORITY ATTACHED BY THE US TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AS OPPOSED TO US RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND CHINA. (SCHEEL EMPHASIZED IN A JULY 17 DIE WELT INTERVIEW THAT BOTH THE US AND THE FRG ATTACH THE FIRST PRIORITY TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.) OUR SOURCES SAY THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS IN THIS CONNECTION OBVIOUSLY MADE A MAJOR AND HIGHLY POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON SCHEEL AND REPRESENTED THE CENTERPOINT OF THE MINISTER'S REPORT TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT.

3. ROTH SAID SCHEEL ALSO WAS GRATIFIED THAT THE US AND FRG HAD A COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR.

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SCHEEL SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE DEFINITIVE STATEMENTS OF KEY US OFFICIALS THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT WAS TO AVOID ANY REPEAT ANY USE OF MILITARY FORCE AND THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE DETERMINED OBSOLETE AS SOON AS HOSTILITIES WOULD BREAK OUT. SCHEEL HAS EMPHASIZED TO THE CHANCELLOR THE US STATEMENTS THAT ATLANTIC STRATEGY REMAINS UNTOUCHED BY THE ATOMIC PACT, WHICH ONLY RELATES TO

"PRE-WAR SITUATIONS".

4. ROTH SAID BOTH HE AND SCHEEL ALSO SUPPORTED THE US ANALYSIS THAT FLEXIBLE RESPONSE STRATEGY REMAINED VALID BUT THAT MUCH NEEDED TO BE DONE BY THE ALLIANCE TO AFFORD GENUINE FLEXIBILITY TO THE NATO MILITARY POSTURE. ROTH SAID HE AND SCHEEL ALSO AGREED THAT A BROAD REEVALUATION OF WESTERN SECURITY POLICIES WAS WARRANTED IN VIEW OF THE CHANGED SITUATION AND "THE LACK OF DEEP DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT SINCE 1967".

5. OUR SOURCES SAID SCHEEL HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY
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PLEASED WITH HIS EXCHANGES AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND WITH
THE SECRETARY ON US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS, AND A
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES TO BE ISSUED HOPEFULLY IN
CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S AUTUMN VISIT TO
EUROPE. OUR SOURCES SAID SCHEEL AGREED VERY SUBSTANTI-
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ALLY WITH US VIEWS ON THE PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF
SUCH A DECLARATION. THE GERMANS ALSO HOPE THE DECLARA-
TION WILL PROVIDE BOTH SUBSTANTIAL POLICY GUIDANCE IN
VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS
AND ARTICULATE THOSE BASIC POSITIVE IDEALS WHICH
MOTIVATE COMMON WESTERN UNDERTAKINGS. SCHEEL ALSO
AGREES THAT WHILE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE
GLOBALIZED, ALL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES SHOULD BE SEEN IN
A COMMON FRAMEWORK. FINALLY, OUR SOURCES SAID SCHEEL
SHARED THE PRIORITY THE US ATTACHED TO FRANCE PLAYING
A FULL ROLE IN THE NEW US/EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP AND
AGREED THAT THE FRENCH COULD NOT BE PRESSED UNDULY
BUT SHOULD BE BROUGHT ALONG CAREFULLY.

6. GIVEN HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, SCHEEL TOLD
OUR SOURCES THAT HE HAD THE FEELING THAT SERIOUS WORK

WAS NOW UNDER WAY. EC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL
CONSIDER A "QUESTIONNAIRE" ON US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS
DURING JULY 23 MEETING AT COPENHAGEN. AND SCHEEL SAID
THE GERMANS INTEND TO GET BUSY WITH DRAFTS OF A
DECLARATION.

7. OUR SOURCES SAY SCHEEL FULLY SHARED THE SECRETARY'S
VIEW THAT THE WEST HAD DONE QUITE WELL IN THE CSCE
MINISTERIAL PHASE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN NEGATIVE SOVIET
POSITIONS. SCHEEL ALSO SHARED THE SECRETARY'S VIEW
THAT THE WEST HAD THE TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IN THE
SECOND AND THIRD CSCE PHASES GIVEN THE SUBSTANTIAL
MPT MANDATES AND A DETERMINATION NOT TO BE RUSHED.
FINALLY, SCHEEL EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SATISFACTION
AT PRIORITY ATTACHED BY THE WHITE HOUSE TO GUARDING
AGAINST EROSION OF NATO OR EEC IN THE FACE OF POSSIBLE

SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR PAN-EUROPEAN COOPERATION.
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